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It was reported yesterday that the orange crop in Vernon district has suffered some from frost.

A promoter has been started for the raising of coconuts on a large scale in the State of Florida. The undertaking is both interesting and promising, though, on account of the slow growth of the coconut trees, it cannot produce speedy returns.

An effort will be made during the present session of Congress to secure an appropriation for the establishment of a gun factory at Benicia. A gun factory is one of the necessary adjuncts to the successful defense of this coast in time of war.

The American Protective Tariff League annually offers a liberal list of prizes and medals for the best essay upon the tariff question by the undergraduate students of senior classes of colleges and universities throughout the United States. The subject for the essays of 1932 is, "Has the New Tariff Law Proved Beneficial?" The conditions of competition may be obtained by addressing the secretary of the league at No. 28 West Twenty-third street, New York.

The Southern Californian of Fallbrook, San Diego county, describes a method in vogue in that section to prevent damage by frost in vineyards and orchards when the weather seems to be threatening. The plan commonly adopted is the construction of heaps of brushwood, say of prunings and surplus vine cuttings, at certain intervals around or within the vineyard area. To increase the density of the smoke pieces of turf, green weeds and tar are added, when available, and by this means, too, the consumption of brushwood is economized. The object is to disseminate the smoke as thoroughly as possible through the orchard or vineyard, and it is thought that its effect is both to prevent the frost from setting in and to save the vegetation from damage by too sudden contact with the sun's rays after the freeze.

We publish in our telegraphic columns a dispatch from a gentleman high in official confidence at Washington, giving an inside view of our relations with Chile. From the high character of the gentleman, his familiarity with Mexico and South American states, and his relations with public officials, we have every confidence that he knows whereof he speaks.

The people of San Diego will have the cruiser San Francisco for a guest, and it is to be hoped that her sailors will be treated better than were those of the Charleston. The treatment of the Charleston sailors at San Diego and those of the Baltimore at Valparaíso were similar, and it may be that the Chileans think it not improper to follow our example in dealing with non-o-war's men. When the San Francisco arrives at Bay-N-climate-to-day Admiral Brown should exact a pledge from the *intendente* that his crew will not be murdered if allowed to land.

The great Chicago newspapers have a syndicate for gathering all the routine news of the courts, city hall, water front, suburbs, etc., which they call a news bureau. By working on the cooperative plan it is said the expense of this service is reduced for morning papers to \$44 a week and for evening papers to \$15 a week. The reports are all alike, it is true, and the field of enterprise and individuality seems to be very much restricted. Hundreds of reporters have been thrown out of employment, and newspaper pay-rolls correspondingly reduced. While this plan effects a considerable saving in expense it is doubtful whether it contributes anything to the improvement of newspapers, since the tendency is to eliminate rivalry in news gathering and bring them to a dead level. It should be explained, however, that this method of news-gathering is mainly confined to routine matter—the stock lines of news—leaving each paper free to pursue its special investigations in its own way, and to the fullest extent justified by the most active enterprise.

In January there will be held at Detroit a convention representing boards of trade and other mercantile bodies that are interested in Northwestern lake traffic. Its object will be the promotion of the great project of making ports of export of Chicago, Duluth, Milwaukee and other cities on the great lakes. It is probable that steps will be taken to induce some action by Congress in the matter of connecting the upper lakes with tide-water by channels of the requisite depth. An estimate was recently made by one of the Government engineers of the cost of improving the channel connecting the upper lakes with Lake Erie, so as to provide twenty feet of water between Duluth and Buffalo. He estimates that the cost would be \$3,339,567. From Buffalo to the sea the alternative is presented of using the Welland Canal and being subject to the control of a foreign power, or of improving the Erie Canal and using that and the Hudson River as an outlet to the sea. Such an undertaking would require a great outlay of money, but it would perhaps be warranted in consideration of the great advantage which such a canal would afford in the event of war with Great Britain.

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Winds and Rain.

A contemporary seems to think that the north wind is a sort of Nemesis for Southern California, sweeping down upon us and driving our rain clouds away whenever it takes a cross-grained fancy; that unless we could placate the north wind, or protect ourselves from it somehow, it would be folly to bombard the skies for rain.

Few people realize what purely local phenomena winds and rain are, controlled in a larger sense, of course, by general atmospheric conditions. The recent windstorm did not commence until the clouds had hung over us ten or twelve hours. Perhaps if the clouds had precipitated their moisture the wind would not have come at all.

The meteorological conditions precedent to the windstorm were that somewhere to the south of us there was a volume of warm air which arose rapidly by reason of its lightness, leaving a void which the other atmosphere had to fill. The cold air rushed down from the north in something of a hurry to do this, and hence the wind. It is quite possible that that wind came from no greater distance than the summits of the Sierra Madre range and the space above them. On the Mojave Desert, to the north of the mountains, the wind might have been blowing in quite another direction.

These atmospheric movements, instead of sweeping over great stretches of country on a dead level, as many people imagine the wind blows, revolve over and over like a cart wheel, the lower atmosphere rising on one side and the upper atmosphere sinking on the other, while between the two the air sweeps along the surface of the earth. As Lieut. Finley remarks in a recent paper, "Nobody can study the weather from his own doorstep." It is necessary to comprehend the larger influences that are at work. If a person will take one of the charts sent out by the Weather Bureau and note the directions of wind there indicated he will find it blowing simultaneously in a dozen different directions in a dozen different localities. Thus it is shown that winds, like rains, depend on local conditions. Heat, cold, humidity and we believe also electricity are the controlling forces in both phenomena.

Having these points in mind, it does not seem much of a stretch of the probabilities to say that a warm, humid volume of atmosphere, which appears to us in the form of a cloud, may either have its temperature suddenly lowered, condensing it and squeezing out the moisture like water from a sponge, or it may be suddenly sent skyward as the colder, denser and heavier atmosphere works around it and beneath it. In the former event we have rain; in the latter we have wind. If we have the one it is not very probable that we have the other, though we may have a little of each.

The more these matters are studied the more the awful mysteries which formerly surrounded them disappear, and the more probable it seems that mankind may some day learn to influence measurably the natural conditions, and bring rain whenever the atmosphere is in a proper state of saturation.

A Lost Beneficence.

Another noble charity has gone amiss through the hair-splitting construction of a will by a Probate Court in New York. José Sevilla, a native of Peru, and a naturalized citizen of the United States, left an estate valued at \$2,500,000, out of which he bequeathed \$500,000 to establish in the city of New York a home for poor girls, to be known as "The Sevilla Home for Children." Young girls were to be maintained at the home until they attained the age of 16, and besides book education were to be taught sewing, cooking, washing, etc.

The testator, in his will, gave a list of prominent persons to be appointed by the surrogate to carry out the trust. A board of managers selected from this list was afterward incorporated for that purpose, the members including August Belmont, William R. Grace, Roswell G. Rolston and others. The auxiliary executors having

brought suit for the construction of this clause of the will, Mr. Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, has decided that the bequest is invalid, because of uncertainty in this respect, viz., that at the time of the death of the testator the persons upon whom the trust was devolved were uncertain, there being no one qualified to take the bequest, the managers having first to be appointed by the surrogate, and that the act of incorporation did not cure this defect. Judge Lawrence holds that the bequest was also obnoxious to the statute against perpetuities, as by the terms of the will the fund was not to be turned over to the trustees until two years after Mr. Sevilla's death; and he decides that, although the will is valid under the laws of Peru, the court here should not aid in enforcing the trust. He therefore directs that the executors here remit the fund to the executors in Peru, in order that the courts of that republic may determine in what manner and to whom it shall be distributed.

The residuary legatee, the Sociedad Beneficencia de Lima, will apply the fund there to the purpose for which it was to be used in this country, and so New York loses an excellent charity because of a doubtful technicality.

A New York paper in discussing this matter says: There is a rule of logic as well as a maxim of law which might be considered applicable to this case: *Id certum est quod certum reddi potest*—that is sufficiently certain which can be made certain; and at the time of Señor Sevilla's death it was not certain who the trustees would be, it was certain that there would be trustees, and that, in New York, and when, in pursuance of the will, he appointed trustees they were certain enough, especially since their appointment was followed by an act of incorporation.

Population of the State.

All subscribers, whether new or old, to THE TIMES-PREMIUM Standard Atlas of the World, can now secure the valuable four-page Appendix which we have caused to be prepared, giving the population of California by counties, cities, towns and villages, according to the census of 1920. The sheet also contains a special exhibit of the growth of Los Angeles and Southern California in population and wealth during the past decade. The Appendix will be sent upon application, inclosing two stamps.

HARPER'S WEEKLY admits frankly that the election of Mr. Crip to the Speakership is a great triumph of the Hill-Tammany power in the Democratic party; and it adds significantly that "none who in the late election aided in strengthening and confirming that power can complain of the first logical result of their efforts." There is something of the irony of fate in the fact that after Cleveland had debased himself by bowing down to the great Moloch of his influence, he is thrown against him in favor of his legitimate rival. There is something significant also in Harper's Weekly's further remark that "politics usually offer merely an alternative, and it is too early to determine the actual alternative of next year. It looks as though the erstwhile mugwump will wind up turning jibbos, i. e., he will bolt the Democratic party as he formerly bolted the Republican."

The Fruit World, published at Philadelphia, has this report on the dried fruit market:

Prunes continue to be the strongest thing on the list; yet, there is an easier feeling noticeable, except for large sizes. The close of the year's growing season, old lots, which find their way to this city, where prices are ruling lower than for the season, and the fact that the fruit is not so good as it was last year, are the factors which have caused this. A Santa Clara pack purchased in this city on Tuesday a lot of ungraded 80-90s at 5 cents and shipped the fruit to Santa Clara. It was graded and packed in this city on Friday. The fruit was found to be of the same quality as the one purchased there at less than 5 cents. The fruit of the crop is in second hands and has been moved. It is variously estimated that the holdings in this State amount to about 175 or 200 carloads.

Two contracts have already been executed by Postmaster-General Wanda-maker under the new postal aid law, one with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to Central America, China and Japan, and one with the "Red Line" to Venezuela. The new service will begin February 1 and March 1 next. This is creditable promptness.

AMUSEMENTS.

AT THE THEATERS.

LOS ANGELES THEATRE.—Mr. Sully gave the last performance of *The Millionaire* at the Los Angeles Theatre last night. The next attraction at this house will be the Noss family in a musical comedy beginning January 1.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—This house will reopen this evening with Edward S. Willard, one of the greatest living actors, in *The Millionaire*. Mr. Willard is the author of *Saints and Sinners*, *The Story King* and other famous plays. This is a performance which has been lauded by the dramatic writers of every city in which it has been produced and has been greeted by large audiences everywhere. Mr. Willard is supported by a company of players, and we are promised for this engagement one of the most even and perfect specimens of dramatic art yet seen on our local stage.

Tariff Pictures.

(New York Press.)

For the twelve months prior to October 1, 1890, when the present tariff law went into effect, the value of imported manufactures of wool was \$55,972,031.

For the twelve months prior to October 1, 1891, the value of the same class of goods imported here was \$55,601,910.

The demand being equal in the same year American manufacturers got the benefit of this difference in trade and sold an additional \$20,000,000 worth of goods. Figuring three pounds of wool to the dollar of value shows that over 61,000,000 pounds were required by this additional manufacture, and as wool imports increased only about 80,000,000 pounds in the second year, for which figures are given, the balance of 31,000,000 pounds must have been supplied by domestic wool growers. Thus protection helps both manufacturers and agriculturists.

A. W. Palmer, Jr.

HIGHLAND PARK, Dec. 26.—[To the Editor of THE TIMES.] This is to certify that my son, A. W. Palmer, Jr., has learned the poem, "The Eagle," perfectly and recited the same before his parents and friends. Respectfully yours, A. W. PALMER, JR.

Williamson. I hear Jarman was so drunk last night that several of you fellows had to take him home on a shutter. Did his wife think he was dead? Henderson. She must have. She was certainly laying him out when we left.—[Brooklyn Life.]

THEY TOOK POISON.

Sensational Suicide at the Hotel Ramona.

W. Bert MacGregor and Leah Benjamin Take Morphine.

The Former Dies from the Effects of the Drug.

While the Latter Lingers—Between Life and Death—Letters Stating That the Couple Were Man and Wife.

One of the most romantic cases of self-destruction that probably ever took place in this city was brought to light in the Ramona Hotel at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Landlord Burns opened the door to room 51, on the third floor, and found W. Bert MacGregor, a young newspaper man who has been employed for some months past on the city papers, stretched out on the bed, with a young woman lying on his arm, and both apparently unconscious. Mr. Burns at once called in Police Officer Walker, and on entering the back room, where the bed is located, the officer was horrified to find young MacGregor stone dead, while the girl, who proved to be little Leah Benjamin, the seventeen-year-old sister of Ben Benjamin of the Herald, was apparently in a dying condition.

The girl was fully dressed and MacGregor had only taken off his coat, and was in his shirt sleeves. As soon as it was seen that the girl was breathing messengers were sent for the doctor and Dr. Westlake and Boyd promptly responded. MacGregor was rigid when found, which showed that he had been dead several hours, and his body was removed to the front room so that the doctors could work with the girl, who seemed past all human help. Two empty morphine bottles and a couple of small glasses were found on a table in the front room, and the doctors were confident that both had taken large doses of that drug, and from the girl's looks they did not believe that she would live many minutes longer, but they went to work with a will and at 6 o'clock last evening she had so far recovered that they expressed some hopes for her, but she was not out of danger at that hour by any means.

Coroner Weldon arrived as soon as he could be found and took charge of four letters addressed to himself, the girl's mother, who lives on Boyle Heights at 1848 First street, Charles E. Boyd, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who married MacGregor's sister a few months ago, and Ben Benjamin. The letters were all addressed in MacGregor's handwriting and are in pencil. The letter to the Coroner is a singularly worded epistle and states that the couple are man and wife. The letter reads as follows:

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26, '91. Dr. Weldon, Coroner Los Angeles County.—Dear Sir:—There is no need of autopsy in this case, and you will greatly oblige us if you will omit them. We will return the favor when we get a chance. You will find a plain case of Phil in the blank this way. Mrs. Leah MacGregor, aged 17, native of Australia; W. Bert MacGregor, aged 24, native Illinois; died of the death by the use of morphine taken with suicidal intent. Do us this favor (it lies in your power to do so) and we will watch over your interests if we are charged that we can. We think you can satisfy the jury without doctors as witnesses.

The letters to Mr. Benjamin and his mother were sent out as soon as possible, but their contents have not been made public and the motive, if the young couple made it known to their relatives, is still a mystery. A LOVE AFFAIR. Mrs. Benjamin, who is a widow, and her daughter, Leah, came to this city from San Francisco last spring so that they might be near their son and brother. Soon after their arrival they became acquainted with MacGregor, who was then working on the Herald. The young couple became very much attached to each other from the first, and Leah became a devoted wife. They were both anxious to have the ceremony take place as soon as possible, but the mother objected on the grounds that Leah was too young. She told them that they might marry as soon as they were of age, and she called at that time this seemed to satisfy the lovers, but they soon grew tired of the arrangement and insisted that the old lady change her mind and give her consent to a speedy marriage, but she refused, and the affair has stood that way for several months.

ANOTHER WOMAN. When the Benjamins arrived in this city MacGregor was on intimate terms with a married woman named Evans whose husband worked as a waiter in various restaurants. As soon as he became acquainted with Miss Benjamin he attempted to break with the Evans woman and sever ties followed. Her husband and MacGregor had several hostile meetings, but no blood was ever shed, and a few weeks ago the Evans couple disappeared from the city after Evans had made a vain effort to have MacGregor arrested. He called at the District Attorney's office several times, but was told that he had no case against the man, but could prosecute his wife if he wished, and as he did not care to do this he and his wife both disappeared from the city.

This affair has worried the young man to such an extent that he has not been himself for some weeks past, and it is supposed that it had something to do with the rash act which ended his own life and brought an innocent child almost to death's door.

HIS CHRISTMAS DINNER. At 6:30 p.m. on Christmas day MacGregor came up from San Bernardino and went straight to Mrs. Benjamin's on Boyle Heights, where he took dinner with the family, consisting of Mrs. Benjamin, Miss Leah and Mr. and Mrs. Stephens. Mr. Stephens, who is a son of C. C. Stephens, Esq., the attorney, married one of Mrs. Benjamin's daughters a couple of years ago. They came down from San Francisco some months

after Mrs. Benjamin took up her residence here and have been living together.

MacGregor remained as the guest of Mr. Stephens for the night, and he and Miss Benjamin remained until a late hour. They were talking in the parlor and both seemed to be greatly worried over something.

Saturday morning Stephens left the house at 9 o'clock. He went to his father's law office in the Phillips Block. At about 10 o'clock MacGregor and Miss Benjamin walked into the office and MacGregor asked to be allowed to leave the young lady in the office a few minutes. He left the office and was gone about thirty minutes, when he returned and the two left together, and that was the last seen of them by Stephens.

AT THE RAMONA.

When next heard of MacGregor engaged a room at the Ramona. This was just after 10 o'clock, so he must have gone direct from Stephens' office to the Ramona. He told Mr. Burns, the proprietor, that he only wanted the room until 6 o'clock in the evening, as he was going out of town at that time. Whether he spent the day in the room or not is unknown, and no one about the house saw Miss Benjamin enter, but at 6:30, when Mr. Burns went to see if the room had been vacated, MacGregor was still there, and as the room had been rented to another party, Burns told him that he would have to move him to another room on the third floor, and he was given room 51, where the suicide took place.

When the change took place Miss Benjamin left the room with MacGregor while Mr. Burns was in the office, and it is supposed that they went direct to room 51.

Neither one of them was seen about the house after that and as Mr. Burns left early in the morning to go for a drive he thought nothing more about the affair until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when he returned and asked if MacGregor had left his room. On being told that the room was still locked he went up a key and found the key in the lock, and he was horrified to find MacGregor dead on the bed with a woman by his side.

THE MORPHINE. When or where he got the morphine is a mystery, but that he had the two bottles in the room he occupied during the day there is no doubt, for the corks were found in the room, and he must have taken the open bottles to room 51, but when the drug was taken is a mystery. MacGregor was seen on Spring street at 11 o'clock Saturday night walking rapidly towards the Ramona and the drug must have been taken later in the night.

THE OTHER LETTERS.

The letters to Mrs. Benjamin and her son Ben were secured last evening, after the parties to whom they had been addressed had read them, and are as follows:

LOS ANG, Cal. To My Darling Mother: Try hard to forgive your sinning child. Don't mourn for me. My secret was more than I could bear and I only knew that I did it for the best. Say good-bye to my darling little brothers, kiss them for me and tell Sarah I said good-bye, and kiss her for me. Kiss the baby, the little one, and tell her I said good-bye to her. I can't think of May God forgive this day's act. [Here MacGregor took up the letter and finished it and seems to think she was writing to her brother Ben instead of her mother.] Leah is too weak to write more, Ben, but asks me to say good-bye to you for her. Don't think hard of her, Ben, it was my fault.

Bid all the boys good-bye—Steve, Fennimore, Miller, Shantz, Taylor, Jones and all the rest. Please don't think the papers don't get too sensational about this. Leah asks that the family do not put on black, and Leah says to get her picture and keep them. Good-bye.

LEAH, BY BERT. The second letter was addressed to Mrs. Benjamin, and it was signed Leah. It was asked for the step they had taken and the one they were about to take. It read:

We know that we add to your troubles by removing our own, and therefore are sending you this letter to let you know that we are not forgetting you. This little episode in time, doubtless, and only recollect it as an unpleasant memory. The fact that we are man and wife, and that we are both of us, will explain many things. Do not blame either of us for this suicide; it was a joint concoction suggested by the desire to escape our grief at Leah's loss, but as it is, we wish you would not mourn her long, and will make up your mind to agree with us and say that it was all for the best. Bid the children good-bye for both of us, please. There is one request we would like to make. We will ask it of you and wish your consent, which you will not refuse. Bury us together in the same grave and do not let us be separated in death as we have been in life.

LEAH AND BERT.

THE DEAD MAN.

Young MacGregor first came to the Coast about four years ago from Chicago for his health, going first to Santa Barbara. He lived at this place some months, and finally went to work on the Press. He then went to Pomona and worked for some time, after which he came back to Los Angeles, and has since made his home in this city. The first work he did in this city was as a reporter on the defunct Tribune, after which he worked on the Herald as proof-reader, and after he remained a short time, returning to Los Angeles, he again went to work on the Herald, after which he was for some weeks on THE TIMES. Leaving, he again went to Los Angeles, but remained only a short time, and again returned to Los Angeles, where he took a position, which he held until about two months ago. For the past month he has been acting as temporary correspondent of THE TIMES in San Bernardino county. On the 24th he sent word that he was sick, but he came to the city Christmas day, and on Saturday morning applied at the office for a re-engagement, which was the last seen of him until his dead body was found yesterday afternoon.

MacGregor had no relatives in this section except his sister, who was married a few months ago. His father lives in Chicago, where he is in business, and he also has several brothers in that city who have been notified of his death. It was generally known that MacGregor was paying attention to Miss Benjamin, and it was also known that they were engaged, but the first known of any marriage, even by the most intimate friends of the parties, was the statement to that effect in the letters which were left by the deceased.

RECOVERING HIS SENSES.

At midday the poor girl had recovered sufficiently to state that she and MacGregor took the morphine after 9 o'clock yesterday morning. They had been out to breakfast, and she was with him when he got the drug. She would not state why they took it, and positively refused to talk about MacGregor. Her recovery was due to Dr. Westlake, Boyd and Coroner Weldon, who worked all night with her.

Shortly before midnight Mrs. Benjamin and Leah's sister, Mrs. Ed Stephens, were admitted to the rooms and remained with the girl until about 1 o'clock. She has several bruises on her face which must have been caused by a fall or a blow, but she would not talk about them.

THE ATCHISON HAS THIRTEEN DIRECTORS AND 12,744 STOCKHOLDERS.

On one day during the recent snow blockade in New Mexico the Santa Fé had twenty-four locomotives on the road between Las Vegas and Raton.

The telegraphers of the Atchison system have prepared a scale of wages which they will present to the officers of the company, and ask that it be adopted January 1.

CURRENT HUMOR.

Old man Grabrout takes great interest in financial matters, doesn't he? asked McSwilligan. "Yes, all the way up to 15 cents, according to the hardness of the borrower," replied Squidwig.—[Pittsburgh Chronicle.]

President of the Bloodstone Bank. Why do you distrust the cashier? He seems to be a very honest and moral man. Director of the Bank. Well, I saw him reading a Bible on a street car this morning.—[Minneapolis Journal.]

Paranologist. Your bump of imagination is abnormally large, sir. You should write poetry. Visitor. I do write poetry. Only yesterday I took a poem to an editor and that bump was so big a feeling in me he hit me. Don't bear on it so hard.—[Tidbits.]

RAILROAD AFFAIRS.

The Rio Grande Western's Latest California Project.

Said to Have Purchased Some Rights Up About Fresno.

What the Telegraph Operators Now Propose to Do.

The Grand Chief Telegrapher States His Opinions—The Order is Yet Weak in the Far West.

If the Rio Grande Western Railroad Company builds lines to the Pacific Coast over all the lines that have been mapped out for it there will be an abundance of new roads to California. The latest on this subject comes from Fresno, and the Republican of that city says: "A very important railroad movement is at hand. It comes unheralded, asks no subsidies and moves along in a business-like way that begets confidence. The Denver and Rio Grande Western is getting ready to build into California. The Denver and Rio Grande Western people are railroad builders. They are the projectors and builders of the Denver and Rio Grande proper, the little giant that did so much to develop the resources of Colorado. They are now working in harmony with the Colorado Midland, and it is hinted, with the Santa Fé. The recently organized San Francisco and Eastern road is in the interest of the Rio Grande Western people. The company itself is a dummy affair, but W. W. Belvin, one of the incorporators, represents an English syndicate that intends to build the road and then turn it over to the Santa Fé and Rio Grande Western. The Rio Grande Western has already surveyed a line from Pioche, Nev., to this valley. Mr. Belvin is now in Europe, and it is thought he will be back in a few months, when work on the construction of the road will be immediately commenced. The road has an option on the California and Nevada Railroad, which runs into Oakland, where it has ample water-front facilities. The old Wilbur grade will be used for a part of the way, and the water front at Antioch has been bonded by the new road. The company has also acquired by purchase the old Lyman-Hedges air line survey, which runs through the East Side, and General Manager Dodge will be in Fresno and Madera within a few weeks to look into matters personally. The present purpose is to build up the east side of the San Joaquin and cross the mountains in this county in a suitable pass can be found. It is understood that some Michigan owners of timber lands have interested themselves in the project. Whatever the Denver and Rio Grande Western people undertake to do they will carry out. They represent unlimited enterprise, push and dash, and never look back when they lay on their hands."

THE TELEGRAPHERS.

To a San Francisco Chronicle reporter D. G. Ramsey, grand chief telegrapher of the order of Railroad Telegraphers, said: "The situation is simply this. I shall ask the Southern Pacific Company withdraw their manifesto prohibiting their employes from joining our order. If they refuse this request we will declare war and in a very short time they will not have any telegraphers to dictate to. If, on the contrary, they will listen to our appeal there will be no further trouble."

Mr. Ramsey also informed the Chronicle that five divisions of the Southern Pacific system are now represented by six delegates each in that city, and that it entirely depended upon the result of his talk with the railroad people whether or not a convention would be held in a few days. The divisions represented are the Tucson and Gila, the Los Angeles, the Sacramento, the Humboldt and the Oakland divisions, and the delegates of each of the following organizations: The Telegraphers, the Locomotive Engineers, the Firemen, the Trainmen, the Conductors and the Machinists.

Speaking of the reasons why the California telegraphers are badly organized and why so few members of the order obeyed the mandate of the union when ordered to quit work, Mr. Ramsey said: "Our order is not a very old one, and as a matter of course we concentrated our preliminary efforts in the States which embrace the large Eastern centers. This, of course left the more distant States, such as California, to be attended to later, and our organization in this State is for these reasons not as strong elsewhere. From El Paso to New Orleans, however, we have every operator except two, although the road is a branch of the Southern Pacific, which is strongly opposed to us."

Alluding to the difficulties encountered in organizing the far West, Mr. Ramsey said: "The operators out here are located many miles distant, and communication between them is extremely difficult, because, although they have the wires and can use them to talk to each other, there are so many non-union men and so many people who think that anything like a confidential conversation is next to impossible."

Mr. Ramsey further said he would remain in San Francisco until the present trouble was settled one way or the other, even if he should have to be here for the balance of his natural life, and judging from the way he expressed himself on this subject he would not object to become a life resident of California, for he was certainly quite enthusiastic in speaking of what he had seen of this State so far.

STEEL WORK TO BE REBUILT.

READING (Pa.), Dec. 27.—The ruins of Carpenter's steel works burned until early this morning. Two of the buildings besides the offices were saved and not as much machinery was damaged as at first supposed. The work of rebuilding on a larger scale will be commenced at once. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.

COKE PLANT TO BE SOLD.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the Hostetter Coke Company's plant of the Frick Coke Company. The price is \$1,500,000.

A SUPERB CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

RAND, McNALLY & Co.'s New Encyclopedia is a Christmas Present.

In one volume of 720 pages, it is offered as a premium with THE TIMES, daily, or with the SATURDAY TIMES and WEEKLY MIRROR. It is a most valuable acquisition for any library. Never before has there been offered to the public a book of reference approaching this in completeness, compactness or cheapness. It contains 720 pages of encyclopedic information concerning all branches of knowledge, comprising in a condensed form, stripped of unnecessary verbiage, the very cream of the Encyclopedia Britannica, and the latest addition of Chambers's Encyclopedia, with the addition of a great many American subjects found in neither of the larger encyclopedias.

Besides being a comprehensive gazetteer of universal knowledge, it is also a complete atlas of the world. It has eighty full-page colored maps and nearly 20,000 engravings. It treats of 18,000 subjects. The publishers' retail prices for the Encyclopedia are \$8 and \$10 respectively, but the book will be sent by us, together with one year's subscription to the SATURDAY TIMES and WEEKLY MIRROR, for the unprecedentedly low price of

LOST IN THE SIERRAS.

Travelers Caught in a Storm and Frozen to Death.

Searching Parties Out in the Hope of Rescuing the Rest.

Five Men Supposed to Have Perished in the Deep Snow.

More Rain Falling in California—Good Prospects for a Thorough Drenching in Southern California Counties.

By Telegram to the Times.

CARSON (Nev.), Dec. 27.—[By the Associated Press.] Joseph Klein, son of Jake Klein, of the Bullion Exchange Bank, and George Bosworth left Placerville two weeks ago to walk to Carson over the mountains. Shortly afterwards they were met by Henry Barton at Dennis Johnson's. Barton says that they were apparently tired out and he advised them to turn back, or at any rate to not cross the summit at that time. Bosworth was willing, but Klein insisted upon pushing on to the next station, eleven miles off. Both started up the mountain. The snow was becoming deeper.

Since then nothing has been heard of them. Three other men started over the summit on the Sunday previous. One of them was found dead by Barton and McNeill twelve miles from Lake Tahoe. Barton further continued his search on snow shoes, but found nothing of the others. All the stations have been visited by the searchers. None of the wanderers have been found. The storms in the mountains for the last week have been terrible, and the nights cold enough to freeze one to death. Barton knows the country well and is certain that all five men have perished. The father of Klein will send relief through the hills in the hope of finding his son. There is little doubt that these storms of snow and sleet sweep across the Sierras.

WELCOME RAINS.

Heavy Showers Up North Gladden the Hearts of Farmers.

GRAND, Dec. 27.—[By the Associated Press.] There was a pouring rain last night and a copious downfall continued today with little signs of clearing. The air is warm. Feed and grain are starting rapidly under favorable conditions. No better Christmas gift could have been made to farmers, who are feeling happy over the bright prospects.

Petaluma, Dec. 27.—Yesterday morning there was a light fall of snow and sleet. Last night there was the heaviest rainstorm of the season. The total rainfall to date is 4.26 inches. It is still cold and showery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The weather conditions and general forecast is as follows: Rains and high winds were realized over the entire Pacific Slope from a severe storm that was north of Western Washington last evening, and there remains a trough of low pressure of sufficient intensity to give scattering showers or snows to the entire slope, including Southern California. The high pressure area now covers the middle and south of the California coast. This position is favorable to rains in Southern California, and clearing and cooler brisk westerly winds from Northern California northward.

The wind attained a velocity of thirty-six miles an hour at Spokane and Keeler today, sixty miles at Winnemucca, thirty-four at Sacramento and thirty-two at San Francisco. The temperature shows a general rise in California, Nevada, Arizona and the eastern portions of Washington and Oregon, but a fall of from 8° to 10° is occurring in Western Washington and Western Oregon.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 27.—Two inches of rain fell here last night, making 7.71 for the season. A large amount of plowing and seeding has already been done in this county. There were frosts last week, but not severe enough to injure flowers in gardens or to damage grapes in vineyards. Considerable shipments of table grapes are being made daily by express. The season has been very favorable for this county.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—A terrific snowstorm raged here all last night. Today but little fell, but tonight it is starting in again. The snow is four feet deep now. All snow plows have been out and the road is now clear south of Herbrook. The southbound express is delayed by a slide in Low Creek Cañon and will be at least fifteen hours late. The temperature is about 80°.

Fugitives at Hollister.

HOLLISTER, Dec. 27.—Manager Thos. of the Hollister Athletic Club, has matched Sam Barber of Hollister and Jack Keogh of Denver for January 16, to a finish, the men to weigh in at 185 pounds, for a purse of \$825.

An Oregon Blaze.

LAGRAND, (Or.) Dec. 27.—Fire which started in the general merchandise store of I. Harris, on Adams avenue, last night about 10 o'clock, destroyed about \$22,000 of property before the flames were subdued. The insurance is about \$22,000.

No Ball Game.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—The Portlands and San José teams did not play ball today on account of rain.

Noted Visitors from France.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Patenotre, the French Minister to the United States, arrived today by the steamer La Champagne.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Paul Deschand, deputy of the department of Eure et Loire, arrived today on the same steamer. He was appointed by the French government to investigate social questions and the condition of workmen in the United States. He will meet Fowler and other labor leaders, visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco.

Victims of a Disaster Buried.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The funerals of Dr. Stephen Best, Mrs. A. M. Baldwin, Mrs. Libby Varnsdale and Mabel Sloan, victims of the Yonkers wreck, took place today, the obsequies being largely attended and unusually pathetic.

YONKERS (N. Y.), Dec. 27.—Lawyer Murphy, one of the victims of the wreck, died last night. Up to a late hour tonight nothing had been heard of Brakeman Herlick, whose negligence, it is charged, caused the wreck.

Aiding Russian Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Alexander Gregg, ex. charge d'affaires of the Russian legation, on referring to the report of the United States in Russia, said that the government and people do everything in their power to relieve the dis-

MORE LYNCHING.

Alabama "Avengers" Still Hanging Members of the Sims Gang.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—[By the Associated Press.] The Times-Democrat's Shubuta, Miss., special says: "Lynchings are still going on. John Sims, a brother of Bob and Mosely, a nephew of Bob, were both hanged last night and avengers are hotly pursuing a negro who was with the gang on the night of the massacre. They have burned all the houses and killed every living thing on Bob's place. The family, who escaped to neighbors, say they are going to leave the country. A crowd of fully 500 strong is hunting Neal Sims, who it is reported has about forty men and intends to burn Womack Hill today.

Thinks Cleveland Will Lose.

PRINCETON, Dec. 27.—Gov. Campbell of Ohio is in the city tonight. Speaking of the outlook for the Democratic Presidential nomination, he said he did not think Cleveland would get the necessary two-thirds majority and if he were not nominated on the first ballot he would be defeated. In the event of Cleveland's defeat, he was of the opinion that a Western man, possibly Palmer of Illinois, would be chosen.

Starvation in Durango.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 27.—The governor of Durango telegraphs that in that state people are dying of starvation. Corn is being sold at cost to the poor, and money or orders for the purchase of corn are being distributed by organized charity. The President has ordered the proper federal officials to aid the poor in Durango and other states where there is suffering because of the scarcity of food.

Wealthy Ranchman Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Frederick G. Appleton died suddenly this morning of cancer of the stomach. He was a wealthy ranchman at Camp San Saba, Tex., and came here November 11 for medical treatment. He was a brother of Edward and Cornelius Appleton of Philadelphia, prominent Episcopal clergymen.

Hunting a Murderer With Bloodhounds.

LEESBURG (Fla.), Dec. 27.—This morning Conductor Parramore, of the Florida Central, was shot and instantly killed by a colored barber named Thomas Mike, whom he had compelled to go into a car set apart for colored people. A thousand armed men with six bloodhounds are hunting the negro.

A Lunatic Runs Amuck.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Thomas Edwards, a nurse recently discharged from the city hospital, became deranged this afternoon, and running on the street, at the point of a revolver made every one he met kneel and pray. He was finally arrested.

Railway Employees to Strike.

SAN ANTONIO (Tex.), Dec. 27.—Tomorrow morning the employees of the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass Railway will strike, tying up the entire system. The trouble dates back to the discharge of Conductor O'Brien for alleged violation of orders.

Greely's Brother-in-Law Missing.

ASBURY PARK (N. J.), Dec. 27.—Silas E. Cheney, a large property owner and heavy stockholder in the New York Tribune, has been missing for over a month and his relatives are alarmed. The missing man is a brother-in-law of Horace Greely.

Actor Scanlan's Mind Wrecked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The condition of W. J. Scanlan is practically unchanged tonight. His manager, August Pitou, believes that his mind is hopelessly wrecked.

Cotton Burned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Sixteen hundred bales of cotton were burned tonight in the railroad yards at the foot of Rutger street. The loss is \$50,000.

Death of an Indiana Pioneer.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Charles Mayer, a pioneer of Indiana and millionaire wholesale merchant, died today, aged 70.

Young Field Refuses Food.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—F. M. Field still persists in refusing to eat. He drank three glasses of whisky today.

Train Derailed.

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—By the derailment of a train near Hamilton today nine people were seriously injured.

Grip in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Eleven cases of death from grip were reported to the health board in this city today.

Won a Go-as-you-please.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Cartwright wins the six day go-as-you-please with a score of 802 miles 8 laps.

Speaker Crisp Improving.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Speaker Crisp was reported slightly improved tonight.

SHE REFUSED TO IMAGINE.

The Man Was Full of Sympathy, but It Wasn't Appreciated.

["M. Quad" in the New York World.] There was a woman on the Second avenue surface car the other day, with her face tied up with a handkerchief, and directly opposite was a benign-looking citizen who was on the watch to extend consolation to some poor suffering fellow-mortal. He had scarcely noticed the woman, when he leaned forward and inquired: "Toothache, ma'am?" She nodded her head. "Too bad! Ache very hard?" She nodded again. "I know how to pity you. I'd about as soon be knocked down with a club as to have the toothache for fifteen minutes. I suppose you've tried peppermint, paragonic, camphor, hot salt, whisky and all that?" She nodded again. "I've heard that all these things can be overcome by strength of will power. They say the imagination has a good deal to do with it. Suppose you imagine that your tooth doesn't ache the least bit?"

"And suppose you imagine that you are the biggest fool in New York?" hotly exclaimed the woman as the tooth gave a jump which lifted her a foot high.

The benign man muttered, "Um! Um!" and went to the end of the car and sat down and began to read a newspaper.

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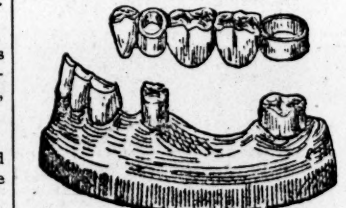
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Some Remarks on the Matter of Climate.

What is There to Complain About After All is Said?

Miss Thompson Tendered a Farewell Reception by Her Friends.

Evening Shows Fall - On Another Bender - The News in Brief - Points About People and Things.

[Branch office, No. 50 East Colorado street, where news, advertising notices and orders for THE TIMES are received.]

There has been some talk during the past week about Pasadena climate. The talking has been done for the most part by Eastern tourists lately arrived here, some of whom feign disappointment over the existing climatic conditions. The visiting gentlemen have been augmented by a small circle of Pasadenaans, whose chief delight seems to be to find fault with things in general and who probably only stay here because they are too lazy to earn money enough to get away.

It is difficult to discover what the fuss is about. Some recent arrivals have been heard to complain bitterly because it is too cold. Never, say they, did they suffer so from cold since their arrival in Pasadena. Others say there has not been rain enough, and that the country has a barren appearance. And so it goes. Some of the older residents tell of a Christmas when the mercury rose to the nineties, and then there was a vigorous protest on the part of many because it was too hot.

In the face of these objections and complaints the claim is here made that there is nothing to find fault with in this country or climate as they are today, the force of which remark will be duly impressed upon any Pasadenaan who will spend a few days in the winter outside of Southern California. The fault lies more with the people than with the climate. This winter there has been but little rain, and the mercury has dropped on several occasions during the night to the freezing point. This is the worst that can be said of the climate. The days have been sunny, making it do exercise pleasurable and healthy. In comparison with an Eastern winter, with its snow, rain, ice, sleet, and fog, the Pasadena climate is a revelation. California's climate during the so-called rainy season stands alone and unsurpassed.

It is a noteworthy fact that residents of a year or two standing are altogether satisfied to live here, and if strangers come this way improperly clothed and put up at places which are improperly heated, it is then and fault, it is a waste of time to argue the matter; rather let them return home and let them go through life without knowing half of the good that can be made out of it. As for Pasadenaans, they need not complain. The country will pass on its merits and grow in wealth and prosperity accordingly.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

A very pleasant social event was the farewell reception tendered by the Shakespeare Club Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. H. C. Bennett on Orange avenue.

Miss Thompson, the highly popular president of the club, who leaves Pasadena this week to accept an important position at Stanford University.

There was a full turnout of club members, besides a large number of invited guests. Papers were read by Mrs. C. H. Scott and Mrs. R. T. Bennett. The latter reading a paper written by Miss Scoville, who was kept away by illness. Miss Helen Henderson sang a song, and the highly entertaining manner related conversations he had overheard here and there among representative men in various regions of the world.

Miss Thompson's proposed departure from Pasadena. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed in a social manner.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Some exceptionally fine Christmas music was rendered yesterday at several of the churches. The Presbyterian Church choir the morning of the 22nd, sang on Friday, and Mrs. Col. Corbin sang solo in her usual pleasing manner. In the evening additional music was rendered. Rev. W. H. G. Fife, at the morning service.

At the Universalist Church the choir sang several beautiful selections and solos were rendered by Mrs. R. T. How and Mrs. B. Clapp. In the evening the Sunday-school choir took part in the service.

Prof. Cole's large chorus, with Miss Lillius Peck as the soloist, and a male quartette made the music a special feature of the services yesterday at the Methodist Tabernacle. Sermons were preached by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Phelps.

A NEW YEAR'S COTILLON.

Considerable interest is being manifested in society circles over the cotillion which is to be given at Hotel Grand on Friday evening. The list of invited guests includes about forty couples, nearly all of whom have already forwarded their acceptance.

The cotillion will be preceded by a short programme of dance. Music will be furnished by Arend's Los Angeles orchestra. The favors will be provided by the ladies and will be both useful and elegant in character. A number of prominent society men from Los Angeles are expected. The cotillion will consist entirely of new couples that have never been seen here before.

CLEAN UP.

The hint is hereby modestly given out that as much as possible of the debris resulting from the windstorm be cleared away without any unnecessary delay. This has been done in most parts of town, but here and there one runs across a toppled-over fence or an outgrowth of trees with broken branches clinging to them, which present a decidedly bad appearance and are not calculated to present a favorable impression on strangers. It is suggested that a high degree of laziness on the part of the property owners for which there is no excuse. Clean up, so that there shall be no longer any visible evidence of the blow.

DRUNK AGAIN.

A young man of town, who has just secured a sentence at the County Jail for drunkenness, immediately upon his release on Saturday proceeded to get on another "bender" and make things lively according to his pristine fashion. He wanted one prominent citizen to believe the story long enough to be wiped out of existence, but that gentleman wisely refused to respond, knowing that the said young man, when drunk, lays claim to being extremely ferocious. It is not known whether or not the offender has again been placed within the confines of a jail. If he isn't, he ought to be.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

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BRIEFS.

The steamer Corona will arrive this afternoon from the south.

The Santa Barbara County Farmers' Alliance will meet in this city January 6.

The Magnolia Lodge, No. 242, F. and A. M. will confer the second degree Tuesday evening.

The towns of Lompoc and Santa Maria report an increasing demand for good dwellings.

Among the recent arrivals at the Commercial are: J. D. A. J. Chandler, San Francisco; M. W. Hurst, John Hughes, Santa Barbara; Frank Tracy, Ojai; J. M. Gilchney, Ventura.

The sky was overcast yesterday and threatened rain, but so far, overlooking a few light sprinkles, this section is still without the wished-for rain. The weather is much warmer.

The Santa Barbara amateur orchestra will give a concert at Santa Rosa Hall Wednesday evening to their invited friends. The orchestra is under the leadership of Prof. W. J. McCoy.

The opera, *The Cypriote*, which was to be produced at the opera house this evening, has been postponed until Thursday, as several of the artists are unable to take part in it.

Prof. J. R. Parker and Miss Hattie Martin were married last Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents in Santa Barbara. The bride is a native of Santa Barbara, and a general favorite of all the residents of this little city.

PERSONALS.

Rev. R. D. Grant, formerly pastor of Harvard Street Baptist Church, Boston, is in town visiting his brother, A. T. Grant, on Cartello street. He is accompanied by his wife, L. C. Lloyd, J. C. Hassinger, and W. Russell are among those suffering with the gripe.

J. L. Scott, State organizer of the Y.P.S.C.A. in this city, spoke last evening at the Christian Church. Charles Holton and William M. Talbot, agents of Cleveland's Minstrels, are in the city. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hemus, well-known missionaries, are in the city. They are registered at the New Morris. J. A. Macdonald and wife of Los Angeles are in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Lennon and Miss Laura Jones of San Luis Obispo are in the city. They are at the Arlington.

Proper Application Necessary to Secure Desired Results. [California Cultivator.]

"Feed the land and it will feed you." This was a maxim of the past, but the latest investigations have added a new rule, which is more pertinent and forcible, to-wit: "Feed the plant and the plant will feed you." This means that we should apply the fertilizers intelligently, and not as the village idiot does, at such times as it can take up and assimilate the food offered. It would be just as sensible to dump a month's feed before a horse and tell him to help himself for that period as to cart a year's supply of fertilizer into the orchard and expect the best results. In both cases a large percentage would be wasted before it could be utilized by either animal or plant, and another large percentage would be lost by evaporation.

Finely ground meal from unsteamed bones is a complete fertilizer for fruit trees, as it contains the three principal ingredients required, viz., phosphoric acid, potash and nitrogen. It is not used as active as the other fertilizers, but more permanent in its effects. Acid phosphates are simply bone meal dissolved in muriatic acid, to which is added gypsum, ashes or other similar material as a drier. The practice of adding to this a large quantity of water and unnecessary, as the nitrates are better applied separately and in more frequent doses.

Gypsum is not a fertilizer in the sense that phosphoric acid and nitrogen are used. It is simply sulphuric acid and lime forming the sulphate of lime, and by its presence in the soil and affinity for water, assists in forming chemical combinations that furnish food for the plants from material already there. It is valuable as an absorbent of ammonia. Nitrate of soda is one of the most expensive methods of supplying nitrogen and should be applied to fruit trees during the growth of the plant in small quantities at a time and more frequent than other fertilizers. It produces a luxuriant growth of wood and large specimens of fruit. The spongy growth of oranges in many groves is largely due to the excessive use of sheep manure, which is in its best estate rich in nitrogen.

The formation of seed takes the vitality of trees and vines much more than the growth of the pulp, hence it has been found of great value to both tree and vines in bearing to give a suitable dressing of fertilizer at that time.

The cost of fertilizing the orchards is becoming a serious question to our fruit growers. To help them to do this economically and from materials within their own resources shall be our aim.

"My boy says you haven't taught him any spelling," said Mr. Ostlake to the teacher. "No, we only teach the girls spelling. The boys don't need it, because when they grow up and go into business they employ the girls as typewriters." [Harper's Bazar.]

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Rev. W. H. Ramsey conducted the services at the Trinity Church, of which he is rector. Mr. Hassey of North Berkeley, Cal., spoke yesterday morning at the First Methodist Church, having for his subject: "Palestine as It is Today."

BRIEFS.

The steamer Corona will arrive this afternoon from the south.

The Santa Barbara County Farmers' Alliance will meet in this city January 6.

The Magnolia Lodge, No. 242, F. and A. M. will confer the second degree Tuesday evening.

The towns of Lompoc and Santa Maria report an increasing demand for good dwellings.

Among the recent arrivals at the Commercial are: J. D. A. J. Chandler, San Francisco; M. W. Hurst, John Hughes, Santa Barbara; Frank Tracy, Ojai; J. M. Gilchney, Ventura.

The sky was overcast yesterday and threatened rain, but so far, overlooking a few light sprinkles, this section is still without the wished-for rain. The weather is much warmer.

The Santa Barbara amateur orchestra will give a concert at Santa Rosa Hall Wednesday evening to their invited friends. The orchestra is under the leadership of Prof. W. J. McCoy.

The opera, *The Cypriote*, which was to be produced at the opera house this evening, has been postponed until Thursday, as several of the artists are unable to take part in it.

Prof. J. R. Parker and Miss Hattie Martin were married last Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents in Santa Barbara. The bride is a native of Santa Barbara, and a general favorite of all the residents of this little city.

PERSONALS.

Rev. R. D. Grant, formerly pastor of Harvard Street Baptist Church, Boston, is in town visiting his brother, A. T. Grant, on Cartello street. He is accompanied by his wife, L. C. Lloyd, J. C. Hassinger, and W. Russell are among those suffering with the gripe.

J. L. Scott, State organizer of the Y.P.S.C.A. in this city, spoke last evening at the Christian Church. Charles Holton and William M. Talbot, agents of Cleveland's Minstrels, are in the city. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hemus, well-known missionaries, are in the city. They are registered at the New Morris. J. A. Macdonald and wife of Los Angeles are in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Lennon and Miss Laura Jones of San Luis Obispo are in the city. They are at the Arlington.

Proper Application Necessary to Secure Desired Results. [California Cultivator.]

"Feed the land and it will feed you." This was a maxim of the past, but the latest investigations have added a new rule, which is more pertinent and forcible, to-wit: "Feed the plant and the plant will feed you." This means that we should apply the fertilizers intelligently, and not as the village idiot does, at such times as it can take up and assimilate the food offered. It would be just as sensible to dump a month's feed before a horse and tell him to help himself for that period as to cart a year's supply of fertilizer into the orchard and expect the best results. In both cases a large percentage would be wasted before it could be utilized by either animal or plant, and another large percentage would be lost by evaporation.

Finely ground meal from unsteamed bones is a complete fertilizer for fruit trees, as it contains the three principal ingredients required, viz., phosphoric acid, potash and nitrogen. It is not used as active as the other fertilizers, but more permanent in its effects. Acid phosphates are simply bone meal dissolved in muriatic acid, to which is added gypsum, ashes or other similar material as a drier. The practice of adding to this a large quantity of water and unnecessary, as the nitrates are better applied separately and in more frequent doses.

Gypsum is not a fertilizer in the sense that phosphoric acid and nitrogen are used. It is simply sulphuric acid and lime forming the sulphate of lime, and by its presence in the soil and affinity for water, assists in forming chemical combinations that furnish food for the plants from material already there. It is valuable as an absorbent of ammonia. Nitrate of soda is one of the most expensive methods of supplying nitrogen and should be applied to fruit trees during the growth of the plant in small quantities at a time and more frequent than other fertilizers. It produces a luxuriant growth of wood and large specimens of fruit. The spongy growth of oranges in many groves is largely due to the excessive use of sheep manure, which is in its best estate rich in nitrogen.

The formation of seed takes the vitality of trees and vines much more than the growth of the pulp, hence it has been found of great value to both tree and vines in bearing to give a suitable dressing of fertilizer at that time.

The cost of fertilizing the orchards is becoming a serious question to our fruit growers. To help them to do this economically and from materials within their own resources shall be our aim.

"My boy says you haven't taught him any spelling," said Mr. Ostlake to the teacher. "No, we only teach the girls spelling. The boys don't need it, because when they grow up and go into business they employ the girls as typewriters." [Harper's Bazar.]

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"Give me back that money," he said. She handed it to him without a word, wondering what sort of a customer she had found in him. He put the coin into his wallet, and at the same time took out of it a five dollar bill, which he passed to the beggar.

"There, sir," said he, "I guess you'll wish you'd kept still."—Youth's Companion.

A New Use for Aluminum.

Perfection in musical instruments is generally the result of skilled workmanship, and it is comparatively rare that a new metal is discovered that is so well adapted to the tone of an instrument. Since, however, aluminum has been found suitable for almost every purpose and an improvement on every known metal for each, experiments have been made by more than one thoughtful inventor with a view to ascertain whether it could not be used to advantage in making music creating instruments.

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CITY BRIEFS

The City Council will meet at the usual hour this morning.

All of the Departments of the Superior Court will be running today.

The sensational coin contest will be resumed before Judge Clark this morning.

But little was doing in police circles yesterday, only a few drunken men taking the special Water Committee of the Council will probably make a report today, outlining the points of City Engineer Dockweiler's plans.

The funeral of the late H. S. Parcells took place from his brother's residence, on Flower street, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, and was largely attended.

There are undelivered telegrams remaining at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company for George Fisher, Dr. C. P. Hough and wife, George Wilson, Jesse L. Butler.

Last evening between 5 and 6 o'clock a slight rain commenced falling and continued during the greater part of the night. The precipitation was very small, however, hardly laying the dust.

S. W. Kroff, deputy sheriff of San Diego county, was in the city last night on route home from Stockton, where he was sent with Deputy Crawford, in charge of a "crazy," S. D. Kirkman.

The excellence of Los Angeles schools and the attractions of Southern California are shown by the homes from which students come. One leading institution has pupils from Red Bluff, Issaquah, Oregon, Omaha, New Mexico and Escondido, Lower California.

Night before last burglars broke into the office of the Tehachapi Lime and Timber Company at No. 803 East First street and made a desperate effort to open the safe. They went through several trunks that were in the place, but it is not known what they got away with, as the proprietors could not be found.

At the regular meeting of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, I.O.O.F., held on Saturday evening, George Condon, the chief ranger, was presented by the members with a beautiful Maltese cross, the emblem of the order, as a token of their appreciation of his services to the court during his two terms of office as chief ranger. The presentation was made by Dr. F. M. Parker in a very appropriate speech, which received the hearty applause of the members of the court, to which the chief ranger responded very feelingly.

NEWS AND BUSINESS.

The Weather.

U. S. WEATHER OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27, 1891.—At 8:00 a.m. the barometer registered 30.24; at 5:00 p.m. 30.17. Thermometer for corresponding hours showed 45° and 60°. Maximum temperature, 60°; minimum temperature, 40°. Rainfall for past 24 hours: Trace. Cloudy.

INDICATIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Forecast till 8 p.m. Sunday for Southern California: Rain in the western and northern portions; easterly winds backing to cooler and westerly winds.

Dewey's 55 cabinet photos reduced to \$3.50. Two first-class front rooms on third floor of Times building are for rent. Japanese Bazaar, No. 218 South Spring street. Greatest variety and lowest prices. The Koster Cafe is run by the Koster Baking Company, so famous for its fine breads, cakes, pies, etc. The location is 140 South Spring street.

Dr. H. C. Royer, lessee and manager of the famous Arrowhead Hot Springs, will be at the office of the Hamman Baths, 230 South Main street, on Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29, from 10 to 4 p.m. each day, where all who desire may consult him in regard to this celebrated resort.

Only 12 hours Los Angeles to Chicago by the Santa Fe route, and the Santa Fe line time to all Eastern cities. Through Pullman palace and tourist sleeping cars daily. Personally conducted tourist car excursion to Boston and intermediate points weekly. Ticket office 129 North Spring street, Los Angeles, and Santa Fe depot.

PERSONALS.

W. D. Grady and wife of Fresno are at the Nadeau.

John C. Reich of Louisville, Ky., is registered at the Nadeau.

Simon Will of Cincinnati and S. J. Chadwick of Chicago are at the Nadeau.

Frank B. Fanning, ex-chief deputy in the County Clerk's office, but who was compelled to resign his position on account of bad health, left yesterday for Lathrop, on a visit to Mrs. Fanning's brother, Fred Linton.

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For several days past Detectives Roberts and Hawley of Pinkerton's agency, and Detective Whittier of San Francisco have been in the city. Just what their mission was no one seems to know. They have been at the police station several times, but none of the local officers seem to know what their business was, or, if they do, they refuse to talk, and nothing can be learned in that quarter.

Saturday one J. H. Denton, who recently purchased a saloon on Alameda street, the transfer being granted at the last meeting of the Police Commission, was taken in charge by the officers and locked up at the city prison. He was not hooked, and nothing could be learned as to the charges against him, in fact the officers denied that there was any such man in their custody. Be this as it may, it is certain that some man was arrested and kept locked up for some time, and yesterday it was reported that he had been taken north by the detectives. At any rate, he was not at the station.

From the character of the men who are engaged in this work it is certain that there is something big behind it. Pinkerton is not generally employed on minor crimes, and the expense of sending two of his best operatives to this Coast from the home office is no inconsiderable item, but the secret has been closely guarded by those who know it, and absolutely nothing has so far leaked out.

One theory is that Denton is wanted in the East for some crime and that it is of sufficient importance to send across the continent for him, but whether it is for some old offense or for something of recent date is only conjecture. Only one thing is positively known, and that is there are quite a number of Eastern crooks in the city at this time and among them are some expert safe-crackers, and it may be that the detectives are out here looking after them on general principles.

It is possible that the mystery may be solved in the course of the present week.

ALL ABOUT A DOG.

A Short But Lively "Scrap" at Westlake Park Yesterday Afternoon.

A lively little "scrap" took place at Westlake Park yesterday afternoon between Detective Emil Harris and one of the park employes named White. Capt. Harris and his brother Max were walking around the park, followed by the captain's pug dog. It is against the rules of the park to allow dogs in its limits except on chain, and when White saw the pug making himself at home he gathered up some rocks and began to throw at the dog. This proceeding aroused the ire of the owner, and he vigorously protested, when White started toward him, still holding one of the rocks in his hand. Harris ordered White to throw down the rock, and when the latter refused to do so jumped on the park man and howled him in short order. Secretary Howard, of the Park Commission, was attracted by the disturbance, and rushed to the spot, when he grabbed Harris by the collar and pulled him off White. Howard was very quiet about the matter, but determined, and after telling Harris he was an officer, demanded to know what the row was about. Harris still showed fight, and finally dared Howard to arrest him, whereupon the big secretary promptly grabbed him by the coat collar and started for the cars for the purpose of taking his prisoner to the station. Harris then cooled down, and on giving his name was allowed to go. This morning Howard will swear to a complaint charging Harris with disturbing the peace, and the case will be ventilated in the Police Court.

Harris claims that White acted very roughly about the matter, and says if he had been told that he was violating the rules he would have removed his dog, and there would have been no trouble. At any rate, had it not been for the big secretary it is more than probable that White would have been hurt, as Harris is something of an athlete and had no trouble in getting away with him.

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(Chicago Tribune.)

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